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TITLE OF INVENTION: ASSEMBLY AND METHOD FOR STIFFENING A FLEXIBLE PIPE

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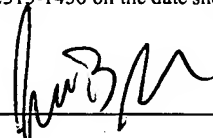
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STIFFENING A FLEXIBLE PIPE**Examiner:** Patrick F. Brinson**Art Unit:** 3754**Attorney Reference No.** 7156-70278-01**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

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